



Riverbend Park Field Trips

for elementary age students

SPRING 2006

Who: School age children 1st-6th grade

What: Naturalist-led programs

When: March 15- June 2, 2006. Reservations begin Thursday, January 19 at 9a.m.

Where: Riverbend Park - Fairfax County, Great Falls, Virginia 22066

Why: Reinforce SOL/Program of Studies with classroom learning. Make learning hands-on and fun!

How: Call (703) 759-9018.

Cost: All programs have a \$3/student fee. NON-FAIRFAX county schools have a \$4/student fee. Payment is due on the scheduled program date.

This flyer can be found online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/events.htm and click on school flyer.

Students are welcome to bring some extra money to shop at the nature gift store and snack bar. Please note these are located only at the Visitor Center.

Teachers If you would like to receive our school flyers via email please email Karen.Sheffield@fairfaxcounty.gov and write "teacher email list" in the subject line. Your email will not be shared with other organizations.

Signs of Spring –As cold winter days give way to longer warmer days dormant plants and animals reappear. Take a one mile hike in search of clues to the reawakening of nature. Learn about life cycle strategies that help wildlife cope with changing seasons. Listen and search for animals and play trail games.

Location: Nature Center or Visitor Center

Grades: 1-6

Length: 1& 1/2 hrs.

Science SOL/Program of Studies Benchmarks and Indicators:

1.7 (a, b); 1.8 (a, b, c)
2.4 (a); 2.5 (a); 2.7 (a)
3.4 (a, b); 3.5 (a, b, c); 3.6 (a, b, c); 3.10 (a)
4.5 (a, b, c, d, e, f); 4.8 (b)
5.5 (b, d)

Homely Habitats –

What does every plant and animal need to survive? Hands-on activities in different habitat types will help us discover what resources animals are using in each area and why the animals depend on them for survival. Program available April 15- June.

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1.4 (a); 1.5 (a); 1.7 (b); 1.8 (a)
2.4 (b); 2.5 (a, b); 2.7 (a); 2.8 (c)
3.4 (a, b); 3.5 (a, b, c); 3.6 (b, c); 3.7 (a, d); 3.8 (b); 3.10 (a, b, c)
4.4 (a, c, d); 4.5 (a, b, c, d, e, f); 4.8 (b, d)

Hurray for Herps – Come discover the fascinating and often misunderstood lives of reptiles and amphibians. Are snakes really slimy? Can all turtles swim? Find out the answers to these questions and more through fun activities and live animal encounters.

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- 1.5 (a, b, c); 1.7 (b)
- 2.4 (a)
- 3.4 (a)
- 4.5 (a, d, e)
- 5.5 (d)

Insect Safari – Insects are fascinating invertebrates that come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. See a slideshow and then gear up for a safari to search for these minute mysteries in the meadow and forest. Program available April 15- June.

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Science SOL/Program of Studies Benchmarks and Indicators:

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- 2.4 (a, b); 2.5 (a); 2.7 (a); 2.8 (c)
- 3.4 (a, b); 3.5 (a, b, c); 3.6 (b, c); 3.10 (a, c)
- 4.4 (a, b, c, d); 4.5 (a, b, c, d, e, f); 4.8 (b)

Rain on My Watershed- What happens when it rains? Find out with this action packed program by building an enormous land mass with mountains, waterfalls and lakes, and then we'll make it rain. Find out how each of us fits in to the Potomac River watershed. Become part of the water cycle, make erosion happen, and take a hike along the Potomac River.

Location: Visitor Center Grades: 2-6 Length: 1& 1/2 hrs.

Science SOL/Program of Studies Benchmarks and Indicators:

- 2.3(b), 2.5(a,b)
- 3.6(a), 3.7(d), 3.9(a,b,c,d)
- 4.8(a,b)
- 5.7(e,f)
- 6.5(b,f,g)

